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## EASTER—THE RESURGENT LIFE.

Easter! A hush has fallen upon the world. The wheels of business run with less chatter, even here and there slow down, and the giddy whirl of society's gay goings has noticeably slackened; a subdued gloominess is upon us all.

There is premonition in the very atmosphere. It has penetrated even to the substrata of moral life; the man in the rack of the grog shop, and the woman in even grosser surroundings, is likely to pause to listen for the notes of a lost chord, a chord sounded long ago somewhere by a good mother in sweet childhood's home, faint echoes of which still sound through the channels of memory. It is Easter again! Our world is stirring toward new life, and the souls of men are touched by the thrill of it. Why? Is it simply the resurrection fact that stirs hope in tired hearts? That, but more! Following the resurrection fact has come the resurrection life.

Easter of the long ago, that Easter which showed stricken woman in the gray dawn an empty tomb in a garden, did more than lift the burden of sorrow from a woman's heart; it started the current of life that has furnished men with the "come-back" power.

Men have quibbled and quarreled over the resurrection fact; but the resurrection life is augmented with an ever increasing volume. From the day the disciples of the murdered Galilean awoke to the fact that their friend and master was not dead, that he had not been held by the seals of the tomb, and were changed by that knowledge from scared refugees into flaming advocates, men have felt the power of the resurrection life.

The recurrence of the solemn anniversary sends a flood of new hope around the world. Tomorrow in city and village and country, men and women will go early to places of worship in gratefulness for the power set free in the world by Christ to redeem men. Some will go who for the whole year have forgotten; but tomorrow they will remember. Some among the throngs will have faint conception of the meaning of Easter; but some also will be there who have been lifted from the depths by the resurrection life. Here and there will be a man who carries the physical marks of awful degradation. He will go quietly and with bowed head. Maybe there will be a suspicion of moisture in his eyes which he will try to hide; but when the songs of praise are sung, his face will shine with a holy joy. He knows the power of the resurrection life. If he should tell his story, he would tell of days of anguish and remorse, of returns to wild debauchery and succeeding periods of repentance, and of heart-callings for freedom from his thralldom. He would tell of failure and utter bondage and despair—until Easter entered his soul! Now he is free!

Here and there will go a woman in the throng who knows the depths. The sound of ribaldry are still in her ears; but the fingers that gripped her soul and held her in loathsome bondage have loosened. She, too, knows!

These all, with the throngs of clean-blooded and sweet-faced men and women and little children who go to places of worship tomorrow, bear eloquent testimony to the meaning of Easter. It stands not alone for a fact of the long ago; it stands for the resurgence of human life. Easter has lived not because it is a memorial of the resurrection of Jesus; it has lived because it has brought life and hope to a world lying hopeless in the despair of sin.

Every sermon tomorrow and every song, every man and woman going to worship tomorrow, the ringing of church bells and the pleading tones of organs, throngs of happy little children and all white lilies, will tell the Easter message—the gospel of the resurgent life. The man, the woman, who hears his soul or her soul calling out of the dim past, through faint memories, the man who longs for the better manhood and fears to reach after it, knowing the weakness of human flesh, will be the center around which all things turn tomorrow. For it is Easter, and o'er the whole world is sounding the Gospel of the Resurgent Life.

Hail Easter Morn!

The Poster Advertising Company of the United States and Canada, the successor to the Associated Bill Posters of the United States, has placed a ban on the advertising of whisky and other spiritous liquors. One more step along the road to universal peace.

Not too late yet to help along the Belgian Day fund.

The "authorized statement" adopted by the Promotion Committee yesterday over the protest of one of its members has an air of plausibility but it does not deal directly with the issue at all. The issue was whether all the responsibility for the unsatisfactory condition of affairs in the committee's office was to be shoved upon Secretary Wood—whether he was to be kicked out without a hearing.

The Star-Bulletin believed common fairness to Mr. Wood demanded that the community know what was going on. And it will be noticed that as soon as this demand was voiced, a two-column-and-a-half statement was made ostensibly for the committee. To that extent the community has been able to learn something.

The Star-Bulletin is also informed that Mr. Wood will now be given a full opportunity to answer the accusations made against him. Such an opportunity should never have been a matter of doubt.

A long and involved attempt is made in the statement presented by Mr. L. A. Thurston yesterday to prove that this paper violated the confidence of the Promotion Committee in publishing the news of what was going on. This is not the case. Prior to the publication of the first news article no request had been made of the Star-Bulletin that the matter be kept secret. The news came to this paper from a source outside the Promotion Committee and after verifying it, the Star-Bulletin printed the news. Before the publication of the second news article, the Star-Bulletin talked with two members of the Promotion Committee, one of them the chairman. Both agreed that the substance of the committee's action the afternoon previous was proper matter for publication. It was thereupon published.

The Advertiser this morning says that the statement of the committee yesterday "was adopted for publication." It does not say that one of the members, Ed Towse, refused to vote for the statement—protested against it—nor that Chairman Berndt did not vote for it.

The Star-Bulletin does not minimize the work of the Promotion Committee. This paper has consistently stood by it.

But we believe the work of the committee can be successful only if it has the support of the community, and to have the support of the community, there must be absolutely fair play, open methods and nothing like a "rule-or-ruin" policy.

## MEASURING UP TO RESPONSIBILITY.

The Associated Charities of this city has published its need for the year 1915 at about \$12,500. The work of this organization in the community has become recognized as one worth while. It is one of increasing value through its "clearing house" character. Not only does it save duplication through its confidential exchange with fifteen other societies of Honolulu, but it saves when personal appeals to individuals are referred to its central bureau for needed attention. The machinery for investigation is now in good working order. To increase its value and efficiency is the constant study, and requires liberal financial support of the whole community. Committees are being appointed and are at work. Subscriptions are needed. It is hoped that there will be not only renewals, but increased amounts as well as new subscriptions, to meet the growing necessities. Also it is hoped that not only old memberships will continue, but that many new memberships may be added. Greater numbers means more wide spread interest. The support of this work is a matter in which the entire city may well take up with hearty good will and therefore "measure up to our responsibility."

Sugar workers in Porto Rico have struck. Evidently they don't see anything but the present high price of sugar and forget about the low price before the war and the probable effect of free-trade legislation.

The state department has been advised that the desecration of the American flag in Mexico City was an accident. Mexico is going to need an accident policy pretty soon.

As we understand it, Great Britain is considering putting booze on the unconditional contraband list.

In comparison with Garza, Obregon et al. old Senor Huerta strongly resembled a standpatter.

## The Message of Easter

The resurrection of Jesus introduced into the life of the world a new order of music. Some of the oldest hymns of the church draw their inspiration from the words "He is not here. He is risen." And all through the intervening years Christian poets and musicians have vied with one another in composing new anthems and choruses to give expression to the expanding inspiration issuing ever freshly from this great festival of immortality. The dominant note of all these hymns and harmonies has been gladness. The great anthems of Easter are written in the major key. Wherever they are sung they carry joy into human hearts, wreath faces in smiles and fill lives with triumphant cheer. The contribution of these melodious notes of praise to the happiness of the world is incalculable.

This effect of Resurrection Day upon lyric poetry and musical expression is matched by the transformation it wrought in art. The early Christians began in a crude way to tell the story of the open tomb on the walls of the catacombs and later in their churches. Out of these simple attempts to portray the triumph of their Lord grew the great masterpieces whose theme is the resurrection. These have entered into the hearts of Christians everywhere and have exercised a large cultural influence.

Perhaps the most substantial service that Resurrection Day has done to mankind has been to direct the eyes of the world from the past to the future. The ancient regime looked longingly to a faded age of gold in the prehistoric background of humanity. There never had been such an age. The idea of it came out of every man's personal experience. Childhood is the period of innocence and guileless joy. Sin and sorrow do not have place there. Hence as a man grows older and forms acquaintance with evil and grief, he looks back to his early days with clear recollections of all its joys. It becomes his golden age. Nothing now is quite so good as what he once knew. The race lives over what each member of it experiences and hence you have the memory of a golden age that never flourished or of an Eden which never grew.

In Jesus' day all men looked back, but when he rose their eyes turned forward. He had pictured a kingdom of God on earth, a rule of justice, equity, peace, liberty and brotherhood in which he was to be king. A dead Christ could never have transformed a universal habit of looking backward with vain longing into a glorious expectation with triumphant assurance. But a Risen God, the true king of humanity did. And he did it in one swift moment. It is the miracle of history.

But his disciples were unable to understand the fullness of this revelation or its essentially spiritual nature. In Jesus' day Jewish literature abounded in apocalyptic, books that pictured the world as collapsing in order to give place to a new order. All through the life of their Master, his intimate friends troubled him by their failure to understand that he was not a king in physical force and that his kingdom was not to be like Rome. He told them so over and over again. He made Pilate, the Roman governor, understand this by his solemn assertion "My kingdom is not of this world." But his disciples never grasped his teaching in this particular. It was no better after he left them. They still looked for his coming again in flesh and blood. Even Paul, the greatest intellectual and spiritual giant the church ever produced utterly misunderstood Jesus' teaching in this regard.

This was not the fault of our Lord. He had stated with great emphasis that he would come as king during the lifetime of his own generation. As long as any Christian lived who had seen Jesus he believed that before he died the Christ would come as a human-divine king to set up his rule. And a section of the church has ever since held to this empty hope.

He did come forty days after he ascended and he has been the leader of his people ever since, establishing his kingdom on earth more widely every year. Today he is humanity's spiritual king. We live in an age when this faith is dominant in men's souls as never before. No student of the recent hymns of the church, hymns written during the past thirty to fifty years, can fail to be struck with their victorious note, the assurance which they carry that the age of brotherhood, the era of world peace and justice and equality, the completed kingdom of God is hastening to its final triumph. This faith corresponds to such movements as anti-slavery, treatment and care of crime, temperance and the underlying trend of the European war towards international federation.

All this ardent expectation of a redeemed world together with the personal sacrifice necessary to secure it on the part of earnest disciples of Jesus throughout the nearly nineteen hundred years that have elapsed since the first Resurrection Sunday, has radiated from the open tomb. No wonder men look upon it as humanity's greatest holy day, crowd the churches at its annual return, deck the altars with fair fragrant flowers, and summon all the resources of art and music and exalted thought in rhythmic measure to enhance its significance.

For not only does Easter hold in its grasp all promise for a redeemed humanity on earth but also the key to the grave which it has shown men to be but the door into the home of the Eternal Father of us all. The great terror was transformed into the kind Friend, the awful Visitation into the loving Messenger sent to welcome the tired traveler into the great family circle. Even we of this twentieth century have not yet fully learned this lesson of Resurrection Day. The essential heathenism of mankind still clings to our notions of death; the solemn hearse, the black garments, the mourning customs and emblems tell the story of the superstitious fear of the grave imbed into men's souls through untold ages. These have no place in a Christian's experience. He may weep with his Master as he misses his loved one. But if he truly love he will rejoice in the glory of the new experience and the larger life into which his friend has gone. In the personal story of each disciple Resurrection Sunday is the sunset glory, the sacredest, most profoundly significant and beautiful memorial festival in life.

DOREMUS SCUDDER.

## 'JIM' HALEY IS EXPECTED TO BE REAL LIVE WIRE

"The selection of 'Jimmy' Haley to be collector of the port of Honolulu cannot fail to recall to Nevadans the good old days when the sagebrush state had a mortgage on thought it had, on the legation at the court of David Kalakaua," says the Reno, Nevada, Gazette. "The selection of Mr. Haley is a good one and he is sure to get the port of Honolulu into the limelight. He will be no drone."

"The Hawaiian monarchy is no more, else the former Nevada could be relied on to entertain royalty just as cordially as Rollin M. Daggett did when he was United States minister near the court of His Majesty Kalakaua, king of the Sandwich Islands." Rollin M. Daggett had worn out several good pens writing editorials on the Comstock, and, incidentally, had learned how to play poker. He taught the king on arriving at Honolulu and gave useful instructions to all the other diplomats, with the result that he soon had the money and they had the experience. Mr. Haley does not play poker, but he is an expert at solo, an entertaining game with which he and his friends whiled away leisure moments during the big boom.

## WAR CHIEFS OF GREAT BRITAIN ARE RELIGIOUS

LONDON, March 22.—Lord Curzon's statement in the House of Lords that Lord Roberts had conducted family prayers for his household for over fifty years is supplemented by data collected by the Church Family Newspaper regarding Lord Fisher, first sea lord, and Lord Kitchen-

"We learn on unimpeachable authority," says the journal, "that Lord Fisher makes a habit of going to a certain church practically every day for prayer and meditation before commencing his responsible duties. We understand also that Lord Kitchen follows out a similar rule whenever he is in London."

"Down at San Francisco, Jay Scott, collector of internal revenue now but a former newspaper man, has discovered ways of keeping his office before the public, but when Jimmy Haley gets started Jay Scott's work will appear painfully ineffective by comparison. There will not be a day when the Associated Press will not carry items from Honolulu's custom house and the papers will have to print the matter because it will be real news."

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